

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 10, AMEND claims 1-6, 8, 9 and 11-15 and ADD new claims 16-17 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) An applet latest version automatically setting system, comprising:

a central office server of a banking institution having an applet storage unit storing an applet of a latest version and having a single-program structure, and a version number storage unit storing a version number of ~~an~~ the applet stored in the applet storage unit; and

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a ~~client~~ branch office terminal unit of the banking institution having a version number information storage unit performing a process based on the applet read from said server, and storing a local version number ~~information about of~~ the applet, a comparison unit reading the version number ~~information about of~~ the applet of the latest version from the version number storage unit of the central office server when a predetermined event occurs, and comparing the read ~~information-version number~~ with the local version number ~~information~~ stored in the version number information storage unit, and an update unit reading the applet of the latest version from the applet storage unit of the central office server and updating the applet when a ~~the~~ comparison ~~process-unit~~ outputs a non-matching result.

2. (currently amended) A central office server of a banking institution, comprising: an applet storage unit updating and persistently storing an applet, ~~and storing an applet~~ of a latest version, the applet having a single-program structure; and

a version number storage unit storing a version number of ~~an~~ the applet stored in said applet storage unit, wherein

the version number ~~information~~ is read from said version number storage unit at a version number information read request, and is transmitted to a ~~client~~ branch office terminal unit.

3. (currently amended) A ~~client~~ branch office terminal unit of a banking institution, comprising:

a version number information storage unit performing a process based on ~~the~~ an applet having a single-program structure read from ~~said a central office server of a banking institution~~, and storing a local version number information about the applet;

a comparison unit reading the version number ~~information about of~~ the applet of the latest version from ~~said version number storage unit~~ the central office server when a predetermined event occurs, and comparing the read ~~information~~ version number with the version number ~~information~~ stored in said version number information storage unit; and

an update unit reading the applet of the latest version from said applet storage unit and updating the applet when ~~a the~~ comparison ~~process~~ unit outputs a non-matching result.

4. (currently amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said applet is a ~~Java~~ processor-independent byte-code applet.

5. (currently amended) The server according to claim 2, wherein said applet is a ~~Java~~ processor-independent byte-code applet.

6. (currently amended) The ~~client~~ terminal unit according to claim 23, wherein said applet is a ~~Java~~ processor-independent byte-code applet.

7. (original) The system according to claim 4, wherein said predetermined event occurs when the applet becomes active.

8. (currently amended) The ~~client~~ terminal unit according to claim 6, wherein said predetermined event occurs when the applet becomes active.

9. (currently amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein CORBA distributed object computing infrastructure communications are established between said central office server and said ~~client~~ branch office terminal unit.

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The system according to claim ~~1 or 2~~, wherein

said version number ~~information~~-storage unit is a main memory or a disk unit.

12. (currently amended) The ~~client~~ terminal unit according to claim 3 ~~or y~~, wherein said version number information storage unit is a main memory or a disk unit.

13. (currently amended) An applet latest version automatically setting method, comprising ~~the processes of~~:

storing an applet of a latest version and having a single-program structure in an applet storage unit ~~in of a~~ central office server;

~~storing version number information corresponding to a~~ version number of the applet in a version number storage unit ~~in a of the~~ central office server;

storing the version number ~~information~~ read from said version number storage unit in a version number information storage unit ~~in of a client~~ branch office terminal unit of the banking institution as a local version number;

reading ~~a the~~ version number of ~~an the~~ applet of ~~a the~~ latest version from the version number storage unit of the central office server when a predetermined event occurs, and comparing the read version number with the local version number ~~information~~ stored in the version number information storage unit; and

reading the applet of the latest version from the applet storage unit of the central office server when ~~a comparing process outputs the comparison produces~~ a non-matching result, and updating the applet on the terminal unit.

14. (currently amended) The ~~system method~~ according to claim 13, wherein said applet is a Java-processor-independent byte-code applet.

15. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program used to direct a computer to perform ~~the functions of~~:

storing an applet of a latest version and having a single-program structure in an applet storage unit ~~in of a~~ central office server of a banking institution;

~~storing version number information corresponding to a~~ version number of the applet in a version number storage unit ~~in a of the~~ central office server;

storing the version number ~~information~~ read from said version number storage unit in a version number information storage unit ~~in of a client~~ branch office terminal unit of the banking institution as a local version number;

reading ~~a~~the version number of ~~an~~the applet of ~~a~~the latest version from the version number storage unit of the central office server when a predetermined event occurs, and comparing the read version number with the local version number ~~information~~ stored in the version number information storage unit; and

reading the applet of the latest version from the applet storage unit of the central office server when ~~a comparing process outputs the comparison produces~~ a non-matching result, and updating the applet on the terminal unit.

16. (new) An applet latest version automatically setting system, comprising:
an applet having a single-program structure and which performs version management independently of other applets;

a central office server of a banking institution storing a latest version of the applet and a version number of the applet;

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a branch office terminal unit of the banking institution storing a local version number of the applet and having a comparison unit which reads the version number of the applet on the central office server when a specified event occurs and which compares the read version number with the local version number, the branch office terminal further having an update unit which reads the latest version of the applet from the central office server and updates the applet at the terminal unit when the comparison unit outputs a non-matching result, the terminal unit not storing in advance information of versions of a plurality of applets.

17. (new) The terminal unit according to claim 6, wherein
said version number information storage unit is a main memory or a disk unit.